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SUBJ: ALBERTA PREMIER STRIKES OUT ON PETROCHEMICALS

REF: LEARY/RATTRAY TELCON OCT. 14/76

1. PREMIER LOUGHEED, IN HIS "STATE-OF-THE-PROVINCE" SPEECH TO THE FALL SESSION OF THE ALBERTA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ON OCT. 13, ANNOUNCED THAT ALBERTA PLANNED TO DENY PETROSAR CANADA LTD. DIRECT ACCESS TO FEEDSTOCKS REQUIRED FOR ITS SARNIA, ONTARIO PETROCHEMICAL FACILITY. LOUGHEED STATEMENT IS BEING INTERPRETTED HERE AS GESTURE OF DEFIANCE - DUST IN THE EYE OF TRUDEAU AND ONTARIO GOVERNMENTS. ITS PRACTICAL EFFECT, HOWEVER, WILL BE NEGLIGIBLE, SINCE PETROSAR WILL OTHERWISE BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE APPROX. 170 THOUSAND BARRELS OF OIL IT REQUIRES DAILY FROM CANADA S MAJOR PETROLEUM COMPANIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE ALBERTA PETROLEUM MARKETING COMMISSION (APMC). LOUGHEED S STATEMENT, ACCORDING TO ONE SENIOR APMC OFFICIAL, WAS SYMBOLIC ONLY -- AN EXPRESSION OF THE PREMIER S BELIEF THAT CANADA S PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN ALBERTA AND

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HIS FEAR THAT ETHYLENE PRODUCTION AT SARNIA WILL MEAN THAT

ALBERTA ETHYLENE MANUFACTURERS WILL HAVE A MORE DIFFICULT  
TIME MARKETING THEIR PRODUCT IN CANADA.

2. LOUGHEED ADDRESS WAS OTHERWISE PREDICTABLE ENDORSEMENT  
OF PC LEADERSHIP OF ALBERTA, I.E., "LOWEST TAXED, BEST  
CARED FOR, PROVINCE IN CANADA", AND CALL FOR "ALBERTA FIRST"  
POLICY WHICH WILL LEAD TO BETTER BALANCED PROVINCIAL  
ECONOMY. LOUGHEED STRESSED NEED TO BRING ABOUT FUNDAMENTAL  
CHANGES IN THE CANADIAN ECONOMY WHICH WOULD SHIFT DECISION  
MAKING POWERS TOWARD THE WEST.  
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